

July 13, 1999

Mr. Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Mr. Michael S. Baer, III
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: House Bill No. 2 of the 1999 Regular Session

An Act with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities.

Gentlemen:

As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B) and Article IV, Section 5(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto line items or provisions of the 1999 Capital Outlay Appropriations Bill.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 1

Page 17, lines 36 through 39

This language would require funds appropriated to the Economic Development Award Fund to be allocated to Coordinating and Development Corporation for expenses associated with a business incubator in Caddo parish. An appropriation for this purpose has been included in House Bill No. 1 on page 61, lines 13 and 14.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 2

Page 30, lines 29 through 32

The Terrebonne Forced Drainage project should not be initiated because the \$9 million future years state funding required to complete it is too high and not justified by the information provided in the capital outlay request.

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VETO MESSAGE NO. 3

Page 72, lines 33 through 35

The Assumption Parish Life Safety Code Renovations project is a local responsibility. Also, state funds for life safety code renovations should be allocated first for state buildings.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 4

Page 75, lines 29 through 34

There was no capital outlay request submitted for the East Feliciana Republic of West Florida Historical Association Building Acquisition project and consequently it does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:101-128.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 5

Page 75, lines 36 through 40

The capital outlay request for the Evangeline Parish Chauncey Pitre Multi-Purpose Facility project indicates that the total project cost is \$400,000, and the State General Fund appropriation is for \$400,000. Even though the project has a local match reference in the Bill, in effect there is no local match because the \$400,000 State General Fund appropriation fully funds the project.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 6

Page 76, lines 2 through 9

The THINK of Franklin Acquisition of Computers project is an inappropriate use of bond proceeds.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 7

Page 78, lines 1 through 9

The Jefferson Parish Bridge City, Avondale and Waggaman Senior Center project should not be initiated because the capital outlay request indicates that the total project cost is \$1.7 million, which appears to be excessive when compared to other Senior Centers which have been funded in previous capital outlay acts.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 8

Page 78, lines 34 through 38

There is no local match indicated for the Jefferson Parish West Bank Civic Center project.

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VETO MESSAGE NO. 9

Page 82, lines 25 through 32

There was no capital outlay request submitted for the St. Bernard Parish Sewer Repair project and consequently it does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:101-128.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 10

Page 82, lines 34 through 42

The St. Charles Parish Civic Center project indicates that there is a 10% local match, but civic center projects should have at least a 50% local match before being considered for state funding.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 11

Page 86, lines 18 through 26

The Vernon Parish project for Renovation of Office Space in Historical Building should be a local responsibility.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 12

Page 87, lines 14 through 19

The Abita Springs Natural Gas Line Relocation project should be a local responsibility. The town could also apply for grants from the Governor's Office of Rural Development or Office of Community Development. Both of these grant programs consider applications for local infrastructure projects.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 13

Page 87, lines 30 through 35

The Amite Bay Street Sewer Replacement project should be a local responsibility. The town could also apply for grants from the Governor's Office of Rural Development or Office of Community Development. Both of these grant programs consider applications for local infrastructure projects.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 14

Page 89, lines 1 through 12

The Breaux Bridge Civic Center project indicates that there is a 5% local match, but civic center projects should have at least a 50% local match before being considered for state funding.

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VETO MESSAGE NO. 15

Page 90, lines 8 through 12

The Delcambre Water Well Replacement, Land Acquisition project should be a local responsibility. The town could apply for a below market rate loan from the Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program. The capital outlay act has provided \$2,000,000 for that program for fiscal year 1999-2000. The town could also apply for grants from the Governor's Office of Rural Development or Office of Community Development. Both of these grant programs consider applications for local infrastructure projects.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 16

Page 90, lines 23 through 32

The Erath Water Treatment Plant project should be a local responsibility. The town could apply for a below market rate loan from the Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program. The capital outlay act has provided \$2,000,000 for that program for fiscal year 1999-2000. The town could also apply for grants from the Governor's Office of Rural Development or Office of Community Development. Both of these grant programs consider applications for local infrastructure projects.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 17

Page 92, lines 1 through 6

The Heflin Central Water System project should be a local responsibility. The town could apply for a below market rate loan from the Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program. The capital outlay act has provided \$2,000,000 for that program for fiscal year 1999-2000. The town could also apply for grants from the Governor's Office of Rural Development or Office of Community Development. Both of these grant programs consider applications for local infrastructure projects.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 18

Page 97, lines 44 through 52

There was no capital outlay request submitted for the New Orleans Regional Medical Center project and consequently it does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:101-128.

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VETO MESSAGE NO. 19

Page 101, lines 42 through 46

There was no capital outlay request submitted for the Tallulah Economic Development project and consequently it does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:101-128.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 20

Page 102, lines 41 through 44

There is no local match indicated for the Westwego Historical Restorations project. Also, this should be a local responsibility.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 21

Page 109, lines 38 through 44

The New Orleans Talent Search Program Facility Construction and Renovation project should be a local and or private responsibility.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 22

Page 118, lines 18 through 24

There was no capital outlay request submitted for this Ascension-St. James Airport and Transportation Authority project and consequently it does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:101-128.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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